(a) whether it is a fact that a rally was organised by National Confederation of SC/ST Organisations on 26th July, to press Government to consider the long pending demands of SC/ST Employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a memorandum was submitted to this fact to the Hon'ble Prime Minister; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) A letter dated 10-7-93 from the Hon'ble M.P. addressed to the Prime Minister informing him that a rally would be organised on the first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament in favour of the demands of the National Federation of SC/ST organisations was received. A reply has since been given to the Hon'ble M.P.

Ignoring the Advice of UPSC

2228. SHRI MOHAMMAD AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cases in which the advice given by the Union Public Service Commission has been ignored during the 1991-92; and

(b) what the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) The Report of the UPSC is being finalised and will be laid on the Table of the House.

2229. [Transferred to 20th August, 1993]

2230. [Transferred to 20th August, 1993].

National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme in Social Welfare Sector

2231. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a national water supply and sanitation programme was introduced in social welfare sector in the year 1954;

(b) if so, whether Government feels that rural water supply schemes are being implemented as per the requirements;

(c) whether after 1954 Central Government introduced an accelerated RWSP in 1972-73;

(d) if so, whether even after introducing the scheme, the water supply in rural areas have not improved;

(e) if so, whether the water shortage still continues in the rural areas; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Out of 1,61,722 identified problem villages as on 1-4-1985, all except 733 no source problem villages have been provided safe drinking water facilities fully or partially as per the prescribed norms as on 30th June, 1993. These left over no source villages in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh are likely to be provided safe drinking water facilities by 31-3-94, with the special central assistance already provided to most of these States and by utilising normal plan funds under Minimum Needs Programme and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

(f) The above villages could not be covered so far due to inaccessibility, limited working season, lack of adequate infrastructure and longer time required for completion of piped water supply schemes/gravity feed schemes.

Identification of Families for Poverty Alleviation

2232. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have any plans for correct identification of families which constitute the target group for poverty alleviation;